

On July 25, 2003, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued new rules interpreting the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (TCPA), that reach farther than Congress could ever have intended. I am referring to Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, 68 Fed. Reg. 44144 (July 25, 2003).

Not only do these new rules put an end to unsolicited fax blasting, but in typical government overkill, they will also prevent any small business or business person from faxing a bid, a proposal, a price list, a service agreement, conference registrations, a business offer, or anything else related to commerce without first getting signed permission to send the fax from the recipient. The rules eliminate the established business relationship exception to the prior written permission requirement that had existed under existing FCC rules. This means that membership organizations or businesses that customarily exchange invoices and proposals to each other by the fax can no longer do so.

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